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Order under Para 14(c) of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020

Whereas several registered political parties have approached this office for allotment of 'common symbol' for contesting the ensuing District Development Council Elections in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, which are being held for the first time;

Whereas, the reservation and allotment of Symbols for any election held under the Jammu and Kashmir Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 is made under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020.;

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020 does not have any prescribed timeline for a registered political party to apply for grant of a 'Common Symbol', under para 9 of the said order, for an election being held for the first time under the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989;

Whereas, para 14(c) of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020, provides that, 'The Election Authority may issue instructions and directions for:- (c) in relation to any matter with respect to the reservations and allotment of symbols to the political parties, for which this order makes no provision or has insufficient provision, and the provision in the opinion of the election Authority is necessary for the conduct of smooth, orderly and fair elections.');

Whereas, a need has been felt to prescribe a definite timeline for the political parties to make an application to the Election Authority for grant of 'Common Symbol' in case of election being held for the first time and in order to ensure greater participation as well as smooth, orderly and fair conduct of the electoral process;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested under para 14(c) of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020, the Election Authority, directs that ***in the case of an election being held for the first time under the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989 in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, a 'Registered Unrecognised Political Party' wishing to get the concession of a 'Common Symbol' under para 9 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Elections Symbols, (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2020, shall make an application to the Election Authority within two days of the issuance of notification (or the notifications in the case of phased election) of Election.***

Sd/-

K. K. Sharma, IAS(Retd.)

State Election Commissioner

Election Authority

J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989

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